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Filing Date	December 22, 2000
First Named Inventor	Christopher J. Damien
Art Unit	3762
Examiner Name	Thomas C. Barrett
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This a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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